GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4940
ANSWERED ON:25.08.2000
DOORDARSHAN INFESTED WITH SCAMS
AJAY CHAKRABORTY;RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH;SUKDEO PASWAN;VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) : whether the Doordarshan is infested with a number of scams e.g. Television rights for cricket match, incomplete construction of building of Mandi House, etc.;

(b): whether the Government have taken notice of these scams in Doordarshan;

(c): if so, the details thereof; and

(d): the action taken or contemplated by the Government involving a huge public money and loss to exchequer?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING & MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINIST OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (d) : Certain irregularities relating to purchase of rights of cricket matches, award of marketing rights of sports events during the period 1998-99 have been detected and they are being examined by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.As regard construction of building Doordarshan Bhavan, Prasar Bharati has informed that the progress in construction of thesaid building has not been satisfactory due to the failure on the part of the construction agency and appropriate action has been initiated against the agency in accordance with the contract provisions.